

The ladies of Burkeville, Va., have announced an Easter entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the purchase of a new steam printing press for Mr. Alphas Belling, of the South Side Sentinel.

At Williamsport, on Saturday last, Judge Cammin sentenced ten prisoners, eight of whom were sent to the Eastern Penitentiary. While perusing this item the reader will probably be struck with the fact that while the Judge is Cammin the prisoners are going—to be punished for their crimes. More's the pity for the prisoners, though no doubt they all deserve what they get, or are going to get.

It is a handy thing, even at the risk of being occasionally shot at, to be an Emperor, a King, a Queen, or a President of a European Republic, but it is terribly expensive to the people. The income per day of the Emperor of Russia is \$25,000; of the Emperor of Austria, \$10,000; of the Emperor of Germany \$8,000; of the King of Italy, \$6,000; of the Queen of Great Britain, \$6,000; and the President of France, \$500.

When the friends of Blaine in the different Congressional districts in this State get through electing their delegates to Chicago, the business which is just now engrossing their earnest attention, Don Cameron's mitre rate in favor of Grant will be whittled down to a very small stick of timber, and the greatest effort of his life will be to get more than a baker's dozen of his delegates admitted into the national convention.

One of those things which no man can ever find out is why some of the newspapers, notably the Harrisburg Patriot, Lancaster Intelligencer and Altoona Sun, never capitalize the word State when referring to a commonwealth, and yet invariably use capital letters when speaking of the United States. They are evidently not impressed with the fact that "what is sauce for the goose ought to be sauce for the gander," and vice versa.

We notice that our friend and brother quill (or pencil, as the case may be), George D. Herbert, who for several months past has been editing the Meadville Daily Reporter, which the Philadelphia Times says is a very spicy and entertaining paper under his administration, has severed his connection with that journal and returned to Sharon, his former home. We hope, nevertheless, to hear of George coming once more to the front in journalistic circles, and that before many days.

The following statement taken from the Philadelphia Record of Tuesday last shows that the country, in defiance of all the bitter lessons of the past, is again entering upon a career of reckless extravagance, the end of which it requires no prophet to foretell.

Last week the imports at the port of New York amounted to \$13,874,438 and the exports to \$13,525,467. The first figures represent the heaviest business of any week since the year 1873, and among the imports of this exhibit is the fact that silks, satins, velvets, laces, feathers, bowers, etc., to the value of \$1,309 were among the imports. This is going into luxuries with a vengeance.

The New York Herald fund for the relief of Ireland amounted to \$278,495.79 up to last Saturday morning. In addition to this liberal contribution, it is safe to say that nearly half a million of dollars, collected in this country through other agencies, including the amount received by Mr. Parnell, have already been transmitted to Ireland, to relieve her suffering people. Of this sum the banking house of Eugene Kelly & Co., of New York, received and sent to its agents in Ireland, for distribution, an aggregate amounting on Monday last to \$141,745.46.

A GOOD DEAL of newspaper comment has been indulged in during the last ten days regarding an alleged visit of James P. Barr, of the Pittsburg Post, to Mr. Tilden, and what Mr. B. said after he left New York about Mr. Tilden's candidacy at Cincinnati. Mr. Barr in his paper of Monday last arrested the further progress of this story, which was assuming very large dimensions, by announcing that he has not been in New York during the present year of grace, and that he has not held any correspondence whatever with Mr. Tilden. After this emphatic denial by Mr. Barr, one may truthfully exclaim with Falstaff, "How this world is given to lying!"

ON the principle that everything is fair in politics, the Johnstown Tribune took occasion on Monday last to give Blaine a home thrust by asserting that "the Young Republicans of Maine, in convention assembled on Saturday, passed resolutions against the nomination of C. S. Grant, or James G. Blaine, since many considerations will lead a large portion of the Republican party to vote against either." It is no doubt true that there are thousands of "Young Republicans" all over the country who would never vote for either Grant or Blaine, for reasons which are entirely satisfactory to them, but so far as Blaine himself is concerned we don't think there are very many voters of that sort in Maine, where the Republican crowd seems to be always ready to condone anything that he may do.

A CORRESPONDENT who signs himself "C. W." writes in a more appropriate manner, as is informed by the Philadelphia Record that a Catholic does not pay for a confession. Hope "C. W." will breathe easier now that that terrible langoo has been disposed of.

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In June, 1861, nearly eight years before Thomas F. Bayard took his seat in the Senate, and a month before Congress declared war against the Southern States, he addressed a public meeting of the citizens of Delaware at Dover, in which he said:

"The question for every good man now to ask is: 'My country, what can I do to restore your peace and happiness?' The past and its lessons should not be lost upon us; but to inquire now into the original cause or causes of our troubles would not be within the scope of these remarks nor useful at present. The practical question before us forbids mere speculation; it strikes us in the face—a hard stern fact. Eleven States have withdrawn from the Federal Union with solemn and deliberate action, and have united under a new government. They have made their declaration of independence of the Government under which we live, and express their determination to maintain it at every cost. With this secession, or revolution, or rebellion, or by whatever name it may be called, the State of Delaware has had ought to do. To our constitutional duties towards each and every member of the Union we have been faithful in all times. Now we are faithful to the Union of our fathers—in letter and in spirit it has been faithfully kept by us. But the stern fact is still before us, and but two alternatives present themselves. Shall we make war upon and outgrow this new confederacy, or shall we peacefully treat with these anti-unionists to their self-reinforcement, trusting to time, which is the friend of wrongs and passions, to bring them again voluntarily into a common government with us?"

This speech of Mr. Bayard, the great purpose of which is indicated by the question he asked, "My country, what can I do to restore your peace and happiness?" is now being used by his enemies as an argument against his nomination for the Presidency. The views entertained by Mr. Bayard in the early part of 1861, and up to July in that year, when Congress declared war, were the same as were held by the best men of both parties, who were anxious to save the country from the horrors of a civil war. Stephen A. Douglas in a speech in the Senate declared his belief that war meant a dissolution of the Union, final and eternal. Gen. Scott, Mr. Chase, Horatio Seymour, Mr. Tilden, Horatio Seymour, and others of like prominence, were all advocates of peace as long as there was the least hope that an amicable settlement of the difficulty was possible. Was it a crime in 1861 to plead for peace and its blessings, and to protest against war and bloodshed, as long as any prospect was held out of peace and reconciliation between the sections? Demagogues may say so, but such is not the judgment of the country. After war was officially declared, Mr. Bayard was for the Union, and his State was the first of the southernmost tier of the Northern States to furnish a regiment of soldiers for the Union army. President Lincoln in his message to Congress in December, 1861, speaking of the attitude of the States north as well as south of Mason and Dixon's line, said of Delaware: "South of the line, noble little Delaware led right from the start." As the Bayards are said to own Delaware politically, and as Mr. Lincoln seemed to be proud of that "noble little Delaware" had done in 1861, we don't think that Thos. F. Bayard's patriotism will suffer materially from the venomous assaults that are now being made upon him. The record of no public man in this country can be less successfully assailed than that of Mr. Bayard.

It will be remembered that the notorious bribery cases growing out of the election of Kerns in the Pittsburg riot losses bill at the last session of the Legislature were assigned for trial in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Dauphin county, which met on Monday last in Harrisburg. When the Court convened in the afternoon and the District Attorney called the case against Charles B. Salter, the defendant's counsel conducted a genuine surprise by withdrawing the plea of "not guilty," which had been entered at the former sessions of the Court, and entering a plea of "guilty." The same plea was entered in the cases against Wm. H. Kombe, Jesse R. Crawford and William F. Rumbarger, except that in Kombe's case his counsel wanted to accompany the plea of guilty with a protest substantially affirming that William, although he "acknowledged the corn," wished it distinctly understood that what he had done amounted to nothing more than the customary legislative "log-rolling." Judge Pearson refused to receive the plea in that form, and it was amended and put in such a shape as to take the sting out of it. None of the other defendants—Petroff, Long, Leisourig, Smith, Shoemaker, Clark, and McCune—propose to plead guilty, but intend to stand a trial; and on Tuesday a jury was empanelled in the Petroff case and the examination of the witnesses commenced. No sentences will be passed by the Court, either on the four who have put in the plea of guilty, or upon any of the others who may be convicted, until the whole batch has been disposed of. As regards the motives of the four defendants named in pleading guilty, the theory of the prosecution is that they did so in order to prevent disclosures seriously compromising several well-known persons, who have not yet been publicly implicated in the scandal. We expect to be able to state the result in all the cases in our next issue.

ANDREW HOPKINS, an able and experienced Democratic journalist, died on Friday last at Washington, in this State, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. At the time of his death he was the editor of the Washington Review and Economist, and in his younger days not only founded the Harrisburg Patriot, but was the editor respectively of the Pittsburg Union, the Erie Observer and the Williamsport Standard—all Democratic organs. He was a son of that fearless and trusted Democratic leader, the late William Hopkins, a former Canal Commissioner, and was a brother of James H. Hopkins, the well known Democratic politician of Pittsburg.

AN explosion of gas occurred at No. 2 shaft, Nanticoke, near Wilkes-Barre, on Friday afternoon. There were ten men in the shaft, and the following were killed: Edmund Morgan, a miner; James Henry, fire boss; Joseph Anderson, laborer, and David T. Watkins, miner. John T. Watkins, miner, was seriously injured. The explosion was caused by the accumulation of black damp.

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